Raise a Ruckus Association (RA-RA)

This coalition includes groups such as the Ruckus Society, the Rainforest Action Network (RAN), Global Exchange, Art and Revolution, Food Not Bombs, and the Anti-Capitalist Convergence. Its objective is to encourage the proliferation of skilled direct-action activists worldwide, using a diversity of tactics.

Frame

Members of this coalition are united by their emphasis on a broad range of direct action strategies and include those who support either GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE or GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW (see **Resource Kit, Globalization Frames**).

Access

You can choose whether or not to meet with any other teams who are willing to meet with you.

Success Indicators:

Global Poverty Reduction (GPR): This index measures the percentage of people in each country who are living below the subsistence level. It begins at 100 and is raised by actions that decrease the number of people living in poverty and is lowered by actions that increase the number.

Constituency Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase financial and political support for RA-RA by allies and potential supporters. It is lowered by actions that decrease financial and political support for RA-RA by allies and potential supporters.

Overall Success = (GPR + CS)/ 2

Recommended to print from Resource Kit:

*** Glossary of Technical Terms
*** GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE and GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW frames.
*** International Labor Organization (ILO) Fundamental Conventions.
*** WHO (World Health Organization)
*** ATCA
*** SLAPPs
*** Zones of Action.

RA-RA Action Options

The following action options are available. You may adopt as many as you choose or none at all.

___ I. Participate in a campaign to have the WHO establish a specific set of Mimimum Health and Safety Standards for Factories.

II. Options regarding support of proposed legislation (check all that apply):

___ IIa. Support Sense of Congress Resolution.

Whereas 211 people, many of them women and children, died in the recent factory fire in Fabrikistan,

Whereas the UN report on this tragedy indicates that the conditions in this factory are widespread throughout Fabrikistan,

Be it resolved that the United States Congress urges the responsible parties to take immediate action to bring the factories of Fabrikistan up to adequate health and safety standards.

___ IIb. Support Congressional bill for conditional trade embargo against Fabrikistan.

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Whereas the UN report on this tragedy indicates that the conditions in this factory are widespread throughout Fabrikistan,

Whereas U.S. factories meet such standards and U.S. jobs deserve protection against unfair competition:

Be it resolved that there will be an embargo on all apparel imports from Fabrikistan until such time as the WHO establishes a specific set of Minimum Health and Safety Standards for Factories and certifies that Fabrikistan factories meet them.

___ IIc. Support Congressional bill prohibiting import of apparel from factories that fail to observe ILO Fundamental Conventions.

____ III. Debt forgiveness campaign. Participate in a campaign to get the A-Team to forgive the debt of Fabrikistan, conditional on its bringing its factories up to WHO health and safety standards within a limited time period.

____ IV. Launch an anti-corporate campaign against CDI including an economic boycott of company products and a series of actions aimed at creating unfavorable media publicity for CDI, highlighting the unsafe conditions and inadequate labor standards in the factories in Fabrikistan and elsewhere where its products are manufactured.

____V. Institute a law suit in U.S. courts for damages against CDI, under the Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA). The plaintiff must show that CDI was aware of the numerous safety violations in factories in Fabrikistan where its shoes and apparel were being produced, that it aided and abetted the managers in ignoring these conditions, and was therefore guilty of reckless negligence. (For details on ATCA and such law-suits, see **Resource Kit, ATCA.**)

____VI. Custard pies in the face campaign, targeting the following: (Requires access to target to carry this out.)

_____ VIa. CDI president and top executives

_____ VIb. A-Team leaders

___ VII. Window breaking campaign. Institute a campaign to break the windows of retail stores which carry CDI products in various U.S. cities until the company brings its factories abroad up to adequate labor, health, and safety standards.

____ VIII. Other (specify)[1]

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[1] You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

RA-RA Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier. You should focus on the actions you have taken during Phase Three that you wish to publicize – and, if relevant, possible action that you might have taken and did not. You should emphasize those actions of your own and of others that you hope will raise your relevant success indicators.)

RA-RA Broadcast Rating Form

RA-RA monitors all three broadcasts:

WUSA Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of RA-RA covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

_____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.

_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.

_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. Did coverage show RA-RA to be having an impact or as being ineffective and/or irrelevant?

_____ a. Somewhat or mostly as having an impact.

_____ b. Mixed, with some influence implied although how significant was unclear.

_____ c. Mostly as irrelevant or ineffective.

EuroPress Notes on coverage:

(RA-RA Broadcast Rating Form continued)

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Liberation Press or *Voice of Islam (VOI)*: Notes on coverage:

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